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Dear Steve,

While your silence can be explained by your preoccupations, there is also the possibility that what I have been mailed hasn't reached you, like the books. Therefore, I'm sending a copy of this by other means.

As soon as possible I will be returning to New Orleans. Moomoo called me last night and asked this. However, there is first another investigation to be completed. That will take me to the midwest. It now seems improbable that I can return to N.O. for at least nine days. When I am there, I may remain for close to a week. I have a Monday nightly TV date in Washington for the coming five weeks, which controls what I may do.

There are a number of things about which I have been expecting to be informed for lo! these six week or so, and there has been silence. I worked most of the night and I'm foggy, but two things ~~that~~ come to mind: Steve Jaffe's report on the interview I sent him on when I could not make it and the status of the transcription of the ~~xxxx~~ tapes. Another is the Xeroxing of the files of the two men who promised them to me. Still another is the status of the yellowed loudmouth. Can he be told I plan, tentatively to be in N.O. the week beginning 4/15, to see if it encourages him to say whether or not he will then be "able" to fly? While I do not emphasize the seriousness of his request that I be there, I do think it important that I be, and that I be brought up to date on what he has told others, of which I have heard nothing.

If Al is the one who has the best relations with him, I think that with his apparent failure to merchandize his tape and whatever he has that goes with it, he might be able to understand that I can help him with that, and he will have to help a little fat swallow. That, now, I am satisfied, is the only chance he has of doing anything with it. This also requires that I be able to go over the contents of his shoebox, etc., with the guarantee of the preservation of his literary rights. If one can have a valid opinion about such a character and from this distance, I would suggest that the man Al met, his step-son John Pappas, is the root of the trouble, persuading him and the mother that his own kind of police is what loudmouth faces. Naturally, this gives him reason for apprehension. What he does not understand is that this is not in prospect, that he faces something entirely different. If Art or Jim enjoy his confidence, I think, perhaps, they may be able to help open his eyes. But I should be kept posted. The outside date for doing this by mail is 4/13. ~~you~~ Even by air this makes it possible that what is sent will not arrive in time, for we have but a single mail a day and that will not arrive in time the day I leave.

When last I was in N.O. I either lost my address book or had it stolen. Therefore, I have no addresses for any of you people out there except Fred and A & J, so I cannot, for example, write Steve directly. It is inconceivable to me that he has not completed this report. I cannot understand his failure to mail me a copy. While there is always a problem when each of us is independent, please attempt moral suasion.

Also, I have developed several new sources on the extreme branches of the extremists, each through another who I must be able to inform. Therefore, difficult as it may be, I encourage you to bring me up to date on the doctor and his group(s), etc., for I should be passing along what can seed a further harvest.

I cannot here say more, but I have established the location of a man known to have been privy to a Minutemen threat whose identity is in documents I have, whose voice in this I have had for months, and who, hopefully, in the past couple of days, has been spoken to by a friend of mine who knows him. One of the things that could be helpful is descriptions of any of the people, for there is a small man, a pilot, who is among those figuring in this.

The local papers carried nothing on Bobby at San Fernando. I have a small clip from the NYT, Times and a longer (AP) one from the Dallas paper. But if your local papers carried anything, I should have had it. One of the enclosures will tell you why. The things I say in public are another reason. What I say will be strongly influenced by the response or lack of it. I will now have to try and establish contact with the appropriate person in the entourage of the gray dove.

I have gotten a tape recorder that will play your cartridges. I can, thus, hear and return them without dubbing and, if necessary or desirable, dub them here.

It is now more important than ever that I get immediately every shred of information or possible lead on Dave's "friend", the former Marine of alleged literary aspirations. The reason will also become clear. I cannot now tell you except to say that what I have developed or led to is exciting and important. I have been working on that and will be when I am away and the better I am prepared, especially in meeting strangers, as I will be doing, the more we can achieve. The case against him now appears to be overwhelming, but our interest is in fact, not conviction.

With respect to the Bobby paragraph above, I am now regularly on the air in DC.

I think it better that I not write Ray directly. When you speak to him, please tell him that each week when I am in Washington I do try and settle the accounts on his monograph. Something always frustrates it. Last Monday I had been promised settlement and returns but this wasn't possible. I hope it will be this Monday.

Also, the government has reacted to PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITENASH and the frames of the Zapruder film that were not printed in 885 are now available at the Archives. I saw them in haste a little over a week ago. They are 335-343. The look of horror on Jackie's face at 343 is awful. The flap is clearly visible in these frames, surprisingly dry and in a position that I think precludes rear entrance as the cause, although I cannot pretend to understand the manifestations of explosions. One thing that I looked for and did not see is sign of any wound at the back in or near the hairline. It was not visible. I had taken Moomoo there to prepare them for what they have undertaken. He looked for the same thing and also saw no evidence. Now in these frames, there is a time when the President has the back of his head almost directly to the camera. I also looked for signs of blood on the collar of the shirt, which is visible. There are none. Here I am still speaking of the back. Kellerman said the wound was in the hairline. Ex 388 places it several inches higher. In telling Maggie, Ray and any of the others about these observations, please emphasize that the examination was hurried for we were then late for the next scheduled thing. I am attempting other things on this film about which I will, when I can, tell you more.

Indications are that the yellowed swallow's prediction about planned magazine writing was accurate, despite subsequent denial by the writer to me. In his own way, he has now confirmed it. Therefore, anything new about the maestro of the rotating Whitenash, named like Olivier, like a German poet, I should have. Art once had a very good relationship with him. Possibly he might learn something of his plans, if they figure in this.

Please also phone Millian to be certain she got the roll of Dealey Plaza sewer plans I registered to her. I have heard nothing. If they didn't arrive, I'd like to know. When she's finished, I'd like them back, together with anything she learned.

It is urgent that I be briefed on what was sent with the flower boy. I will be working with them on this subject. If any of the others saw this work and have any questions or apprehensions, I should know the specific detail. Fred had changed his mind about this when I was there. The next thing I knew the stuff was on the way. I am not satisfied with what I then saw. This could be disastrous if it is wrong and if it is used. By this time further exposition on the built-in proclivity should not be necessary. Fred has told me nothing about it.

If you remember the small man I interviewed in his home, who was to pose for a picture and then failed to keep four dates, it occurs to me that with his recent career there may be more pictures of him available than the one he had Xeroxed. I'd like to have any that are available. A number of new things point to interest in things of which he knows and/or told us, including Mexican things. Pictures of Gabalden should be available out there. I'd like a selection, if this is possible. The studio that did the movie should be one source, newspapers another. Remember, he also ran for office. Recall what this man told us about his connections in Mexico.

We can not possibly brief each other fully separate by great distance, as we are. I know you have tried in the past and not been able to make an engagement for me that would pay so I can get there. Also, with the extra work I have undertaken, despite the continuing long hours I have not been able to return to my own planned production. However, I think things are at a point where it would be good if we could get together again, so, if you can think of any new places to try, please do. Speak to Kurt Von Meier and ask him if he got the books I sent him (you can perhaps get them or some of them if he doesn't need them). He is John Christian's brother-in-law and may be able to help with this. Although I doubt if they will pay the fare, Zev Futterman may want to see what I could not go into when I confronted Liebler, the stuff on 544 Camp (and on this I now have a little more). He could also invite Liebler back. Crane then thought that his most exciting show. However, I am tied up until at least the week of 4/22, and I do not want to just fly out and fly back. I want this to be the means for our accomplishing more.

Recall when you spoke about dropping out of college for the trial and I told you to wait until the trial is definitely underway? I was right then, as you now know. I strongly encourage you to make no plans for dropping out based on the proximity of the trial. Yesterday or the day before Dymond tried another ploy. It will be some time before that trial can start. Stay with it out there, even if you find you have to drop out of a started session, for it will be the best for you. Jim still fears they may be able to prevent any trial. Do not hurt yourself for nothing, as you would do if you now dropped out.

Best to everyone,

Hoe
I have not yet gotten the first Valley Times story. Hal was to have seen the former detective, now a TV newsmen, whose name, in my fatigue, escapes me (Channel 7?). Is there anything new there? He has things.